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1. Centre de formation et de recherche pour le développement (CFRD)

Special, 2014

Introduction

In the context of ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, the Centre de formation et de recherche pour le développement (CFRD International), having obtained special consultative status in May 2014, designed and structured its Action Programme in Support of United Nations Objectives for 2014–2017, to be implemented in sub-Saharan Africa and Europe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The actions of the Centre de formation et de recherche pour le développement are directed toward the implementation of its Action Plan in Support of United Nations Objectives for 2014–2017. The Programme has two main thrusts: (i) governance and peacebuilding, (ii) growth and sustainable development.

- Governance and peacebuilding
- Strengthening of democracy and the rule of law
- Peacebuilding
- Growth and sustainable development
- Strategic development policy and planning
- Initiative to promote inclusive growth and employment
- Sustainable environmental management.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2015: Centre representatives attended:

- The 2015 Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held at Le Bourget, France, from 30 November to 12 December 2015
- The 115th session of the Human Rights Committee, held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 19 October to 6 November 2015
- The fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women held in New York from 9 to 20 March 2015.

2016: Centre representatives attended:

- The high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council and held in New York from 11 to 20 July 2016
- The ninth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, held in New York from 14 to 16 June 2016

- The fifteenth session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration, held in New York from 18 to 22 April 2016
- The sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 14 to 24 March 2016;
- The fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York from 3 to 12 February 2016.

2017: Centre representatives attended:

- The Intergenerational dialogues on the Sustainable Development Goals held in New York from 31 July to 1 August 2017
- The tenth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, held in New York from 13 to 15 June 2017
- The seventeenth meeting of the Board of the Green Climate Fund, held from 4 to 6 July 2017 in Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea
- The United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14, held in New York from 5 to 9 June 2017
- The sixteenth session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration, held in New York from 24 to 28 April 2017
- The sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 13 to 24 March 2017.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The Centre de formation et de recherche pour le développement was accredited to the Green Climate Fund as an observer on 5 June 2017, in accordance with decision B.BM-2017/05, which may be consulted on the GCF website.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

In the context of the Millennium Development Goals, the Centre has since 2017 been constructing a 150-bed hospital in the village of Ekomakoko, in the territory of Lomela, Province of Sankuru, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

2. Club des jeunes aveugles réhabilités du Cameroun

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Club des jeunes aveugles réhabilités du Cameroun is a proven organization, one that has for nearly thirty years been helping persons with disabilities in general and visually impaired persons in particular. Its vision is to make every visually impaired Cameroonian a fully integrated citizen who is active in society. By order No. 0000045/A/MINATD/DAP/SDLP/SONG, dated 19 February 2013, it changed status from an association to a non-governmental organization. It has five field offices across the country, in the central, southern, eastern, north-western and south-western regions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goal of the organization is to work toward visually impaired persons' rehabilitation and personal fulfilment. Accordingly, education and training are its primary focus.

Its objectives are: to promote inclusive education; to take blindness prevention actions; to raise awareness of the problems of visually impaired persons in society in general and, in particular, among policymakers and families; to make both groups' experience of service to everyone, in particular through vocational training and education for persons with disabilities; to develop income-generating activities and promote the well-being of visually impaired women and children; and to promote values, sports and excellence for the whole community of visually impaired persons. All of these objectives have four strategic foci:

- Prevention of the disability and its consequences
- Education, vocational training and employment
- Organizational reinforcement
- Advocacy, networking and resource mobilization

The activities undertaken are:

- The promotion of inclusive education: nearly 250 students, including some fifty pupils with special needs, are enrolled each year in the Louis Braille kindergarten and primary school
- Educational support and monitoring for visually impaired pupils and students through a transcription service and a team of volunteer teachers
- Psychosocial assistance and support for children with disabilities
- Training in Braille, orientation and mobility and training in income-generating activities
- Training and coaching of blind women and girls
- Accommodation and support for thirty visually impaired young persons being taught at the home
- Hosting of national and international volunteers
- Advocacy and awareness-raising.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2017 the organization was granted the status of a private service project by the Ministry of Social Affairs. In 2016 it changed its organizational structure and created new positions to better meet the needs of its target population.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization works to promote respect for human rights, and in particular those of persons with disabilities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Director General attended the forty-ninth meeting of the Commission on Population and Development and the fifteenth meeting of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration, which were held at United Nations headquarters in New York from 11 to 15 April and 18 to 22 April respectively.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization cooperated with the Representation Office in Cameroon of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), in 2016, on the recruitment to its school of a teacher who had come from the Central African Republic as a refugee.

In 2017 it hosted World Bank personnel who provided support for its activities under a project known as "e-give". The organization also takes part in World Bank meetings involving civil society. In 2017 the Director General attended an advisory meeting on inclusive education as a resource person.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In 2004 the organization opened an inclusive bilingual kindergarten that accepts children regardless of their social status or physical condition, in order to promote education for all. Since 2016 it has been providing support and assistance for another ten primary schools and kindergartens under an inclusive education promotion programme financed by the Christopher Blind Mission, a German non-governmental organization. It also belongs to the Cameroonian anti-hunger network.

3. Collectif sénégalais des Africaines pour la promotion de l'éducation relative à l'environnement

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Collectif sénégalais des Africaines pour la promotion de l'éducation relative à environnement is a not-for-profit Senegalese national organization whose membership consists primarily of women and youth concerned with environmental education and training for sustainable development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- To broadly disseminate information on environmental education, mobilizing Africans in general and teachers in particular to promote environmental education
- To involve students as vectors in the adoption and transmission of healthy environmental protection habits by equipping them, and the general public, with the knowledge and skills necessary to identify and solve environmental problems
- To ensure that the gender dimension is taken into account in all development projects and programmes.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization also plays an active role in the Senegalese peaceful elections monitoring platform. Because of its structural role in promoting the gender perspective, it acts as a gender observer under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

From 2014 through 2017 the organization took part in popularizing various initiatives to combat violence against women and girls: the Journée orange campaign against such violence, on the 25th of each month; participation in the various "violence against women days"; and celebrations surrounding the International Day of Peace (21 September), in Dakar in 2016 and in Ziguinchor in 2017.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the 2014–2017 period the organization attended various sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York City: the fifty-eighth session, from 10 to 21 March 2014, on the priority theme of "Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls"; the fifty-ninth session, or Beijing+20, from 9 to 20 March 2015; the sixtieth session, from 14 to 24 March 2016, on the priority theme of "Women's empowerment and its link to sustainable development"; And the sixty-first session, from 13 to 24 March 2017, on "Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work". It also regularly took part in the various gatherings of African non-governmental organizations, and in addition attended the sixty-fifth annual DPI/NGO conference in New York City, 27–29 August 2014; in that connection, it organized a parallel event with a French non-governmental organization, involving exchanges on children's inclusion in civil status registries as a factor in sustainable development, as well as another on climate change.

Participation in the 22nd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Marrakech, in 2016, where it conducted a workshop on the green economy and women's place therein.

Participation in the Fifteenth Francophonie Summit on the theme of "women and youth in the Francophonie", in November 2014 in Dakar.

The non-governmental organization attended the fiftieth session of the Commission on Population and Development, in New York City from 3 to 7 April 2017, which dealt with the theme of "Changing population age structures and sustainable development".

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), through programmes on gender and women's participation in politics.

The United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel, through the working group on "Women, Peace and Security in West Africa and the Sahel".

The Dakar office of UNHCR, through human rights programmes regarding, in particular, the rights of persons with disabilities, the fight against torture, and universal periodic review.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has been active in pursuing the Millennium Development Goals, especially Goals 2, 3 and 7, in terms of outreach, education and advocacy with grassroots organizations.

4. Comité international pour le respect et l'application de la charte africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples (CIRAC)

Special, 2002

Introduction

Through conferences, symposiums and seminars, the Committee is continuing its mission of education, training and awareness-raising in the area of human rights. It remains committed, as well, to achieving the goals set in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in spite of the challenging social and political situation in Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objectives of the organization are unchanged.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

2014 and 2016: The Chair of the Committee made two statements on the occasion of the annual International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

2014–2017: The Committee took an active role in the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent and the Working Group for the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

2014: The Committee participated actively in the World Forum on Human Rights in Marrakech, Morocco.

2014–2017: Attended the annual meetings of the World Intellectual Property Organization, with which the Committee is in partnership through the Coordination des ONG africaines des droits de l'homme et du développement.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Participation in United Nations meetings

2014–2017: Attendance at all regular and special sessions of the Human Rights Council, with oral statements in plenary. Organization of parallel events to Human Rights Council sessions, involving independent experts, on African human rights issues of concern to the United Nations.

Participation by the Committee in the annual meetings of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

2015: Participation, in partnership with the non-governmental organization Action internationale pour la paix et le développement dans la région des Grands Lacs, in the World Climate Change Conference held in Paris from 30 November to 12 December 2015.

2016: Participation in COP22 on climate change in Marrakech, Morocco, in partnership with the non-governmental organization Action internationale pour la paix et le développement dans la région des Grands Lacs.

December 2016: Participation in the International Observation Mission on the parliamentary elections in Morocco together with several international non-governmental organizations.

April 2018: Participation in the international conference organized by UNHCR, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Netherlands for the benefit of victims of human rights violations in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

2014–2016: the Committee collaborated with the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention to defend the rights of a political prisoner in Africa.

2014–2017: The Committee also worked closely with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), producing detailed reports on the humanitarian disaster facing member States in the Great Lakes region.

2016: Application to the regional office of UNHCR in Bujumbura, Burundi, on behalf of a Congolese family whose father, the president of the appeals court in Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo, had been murdered.

2014–2017: The International Telecommunications Union and the United Nations Office at Geneva supplied the Committee with more than 100 computers for students and teachers living in less favoured areas of Côte d'Ivoire, Angola and Togo.

2017: The Committee sent the High Commissioner for Refugees a memorandum on the illegal expulsion of sub-Saharan refugees in Algeria.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Initiatives taken by the organization to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals

2014–2017: Shipment of medical and information technology equipment to the Gambia and Togo to benefit vocational training schools.

2014–2017: Active partnership with a human rights training school based in Kinshasa and Kananga, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

2014–2017: The Committee worked closely with the non-governmental organization "Action de Développement Suisse-Afrique" to improve community health centres in Angola, Côte d'Ivoire and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

2017: In Niger, the Committee participated in an international seminar on the African migratory crisis organized by the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, with which CIRAC has had observer status since 1993.

5. Drepavie

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Drepavie association is a non-governmental organization seeking to combat sickle cell anaemia. The geographical areas where it is are active are in France and Africa (Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire and Chad in particular).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objectives of the organization are as follows:

- To raise awareness and inform the general public about sickle cell anaemia (to make it better known by means of scientific events, information and awareness campaigns, and information, education and communication programmes)
- To fight against the isolation of persons suffering from sickle cell anaemia and their families (to help and support patients in daily life, hold information meetings on sickle cell anaemia, and organize cultural and educational outings for sufferers)
- To establish links and partnerships with counterpart associations
- To provide help, support and access to care for sufferers in the countries of the South
- To train health personnel and professionals in the countries of the South

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes since Drepavie obtained consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Over the past four years, Drepavie has contributed to the work of the United Nations by making an oral statement at the March 2015 session of the Human Rights Council — more specifically, during the panel discussion held 12 March 2015 on children's right to health. Drepavie presented two written statements during the thirty-first session of the Human Rights Council on the themes of universal periodic review in Rwanda (agenda item 6) and the United Nations statement declaring sickle cell anaemia a public health priority. Drepavie made a written statement at the thirty-second session of the Human Rights Council on the theme of World Sickle Cell Day. At the thirty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council, Drepavie introduced a written statement on the theme of the protection of the rights of children suffering from sickle cell anaemia and the implementation of the sustainable development agenda by 2030; however, Drepavie was unable to make an oral statement at that session given the large number of speakers (Drepavie was on the waiting list). On Friday, 16 June 2016, Drepavie organized a side event at the thirty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council to mark World Sickle Cell Day. Representatives of the Embassies of France and Côte d'Ivoire were present. The event was moderated by doctors specializing in sickle cell anaemia and by the French national blood service (Établissement français du sang).

Drepavie also participated in the work of the universal periodic review by sending its written contributions to the OHCHR offices in Togo, Niger and Cameroon. Finally, Drepavie contributed to the work of OHCHR by sending a report on the right to health and the implementation and effective realization of the health-related Sustainable Development Goals (October 2017).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Drepavie attended the thirty-first to thirty-sixth sessions of the Human Rights Council and took part in universal periodic review for Niger, Togo, Cameroon, Rwanda, Ghana and Gabon as well as the 2018 Social Forum on health.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Drepavie cooperated with OHCHR by sending its report on the Sustainable Development Goals and health on 16 October 2017.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Drepavie has helped to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by setting up a health-themed humanitarian project in Cameroon. The goals of the project are as follows:

- Access to primary care to improve quality of life for patients with sickle cell anaemia
- Strengthening and support of peer associations (Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire).

The strategy includes:

- Sickle cell anaemia information and awareness campaigns in Kribi, Cameroon (distribution of brochures, educational CD-ROMs to doctors) with the cooperation of local authorities (district health chief) and local associations
- A screening campaign for the local population
- Advocacy with local health authorities, in concert with peer associations
- Communications in collaboration with local media (TV, radio)
- Access to quality care and periodic monitoring for patients with sickle cell anaemia (medical and biological monitoring of patients and access to basic care).

6. Fondation d'Auteuil

Special, 2014

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no significant changes

Significant changes in the organization

2017: creation in Switzerland of the Fondation Apprentis d'Auteuil International

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals and implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child:

2016:

- Emphasis put on the participation of children and young people: publication of the white paper "Prendre le parti des Jeunes", awareness-raising for French policymakers respecting the difficulties faced by vulnerable young people and families
- 2,100 contributions collected from youth and families
- 20 proposals submitted to policymakers
- 27,500 copies published
- Interviews with 200 elected officials, including 10 ministers.

Since 2014, development of international cooperation programmes:

- Some thirty projects a year, with sixty organizations in thirty-two countries of Africa, America, Asia and Europe, benefiting 25,000 young people and families
- Structured under four international programmes: "Street children", "Openness to the world", "Entrepreneurship", "Families" (Goals 1, 3, 4, 8 and 10)
- Creation of four "international communities of practice and knowledge", bringing together professionals from forty organizations for the exchange of educational practices
- Establishment of AFFY, a network of seven organizations for children in Europe, Africa and America whose goal is to become agents of change and standard-bearers for innovation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Participation with our partners in the review of six countries under the universal periodic review; submission of joint alternative reports:

2014

- Twentieth meeting, in November, to review the case of Madagascar, with Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice, International Volunteerism Organisation for Women, Education and Development, and Franciscans International; Joint oral statement at the December session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.

2015

- Twenty-third meeting, in November, to review the case of Lebanon, with Tahaddi and the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd.

2017

- Twenty-seventh meeting, in May 2017, to review the case of the Philippines, with Caméléon, Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse, and Action Against Violence and Exploitation
- Twenty-eighth meeting, in November, to review the case of Peru, with Qosko Maki.

2018

- Twenty-ninth meeting, in January 2018, to review the case of France, with Secours Catholique Caritas France
- Twenty-ninth meeting, in January 2018, to review the case of Mali, with Samu and Caritas Mali
- Oral statement by the Director of Samu Social Mali at the UPR-Info pre-session in Geneva in December 2017.

Participation in three events of the Human Rights Council in Geneva:

- June 2017: with the Centre Catholique International de Genève, a joint oral statement to the thirty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council on the strengthening of the universal periodic review mechanism
- 28 September 2017: with the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Consortium for Street Children and the Permanent Mission of Uruguay, official launch of general comment No. 21

– 15 January 2018, Geneva: with the French collective Ensemble contre la Traite, a talk and video testimony by a former unaccompanied minor from the Fondation d'Auteuil.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

June 2015: Collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on thirty-six recommendations to France in the Committee on the Rights of the Child; joint inquiries on the situation of unaccompanied minors.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Contribution to Sustainable Development Goal No. 4, on improving conditions and quality of education:

– Since 2014, the Fondation d'Auteuil, in conjunction with four European and Moroccan partners, has enrolled 16,000 young people in the international solidarity operation "Solidarity Study Olympics", sponsored by the French Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

– Participation by 1,225 young people in 26 countries in international solidarity study actions.

Activities of Fondation d'Auteuil institutions in support of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals:

– Annual Sustainable Development Goal project awards presentation to schools, with two schools being granted UNESCO accreditation in 2016.

Advocacy with policymakers on awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals

– 2015: During the 5+5 Dialogue of foreign ministers from Southern Europe and North Africa, formulation of proposals with the Anna Lindt Foundation for youth mobility between Europe and North Africa and for multicultural cities (Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 11).

– 2017: The Fondation d'Auteuil joined the Groupe Enfance collective, mounted an exhibit on the rights of the child and, in November, held an international panel discussion in Paris on more effective investment in the rights of the child.

7. Génération recherche action et formation pour l'environnement

Special, 2006

Introduction

Génération recherche action et formation pour l'environnement is a not-for-profit non-governmental organization founded in 1995, with headquarters in Rolle, Switzerland. Since its inception, and its accreditation to ECOSOC, it has undertaken initiatives to benefit the people of Senegal, Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire.

Aims and purposes of the organization

As a non-governmental organization specializing in microcredit, the association supports projects in various sectors of the informal economy, in rural and urban areas alike. Its goals are to fight poverty and prevent rural depopulation.

Significant changes in the organization

Since 2014, there has been no significant improvement in security conditions, either in Burkina Faso or in Côte d'Ivoire; moreover, some local employees have ceased to show any real interest in controlling how the funds are used — something that is of vital importance to us.

The association's efforts are chiefly focused on Senegal: from 2014 to 2017, it funded 367 new microloans totalling CHF 76,000, essentially in the area of small rural businesses, livestock feedlots and crop years.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Please take note of the following points

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

25.02.2015: Annual meeting of the Director General of the United Nations Office at Geneva with non-governmental organizations;

16 June 2015: international symposium of the coalition of non-governmental organizations (transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals)

25 February 2016: Director General's annual meeting with non-governmental organizations;

30 May.2016: meeting on the theme of "Financing the United Nations Development System" (Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation and Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office)

23 June 2016: fifty-eighth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

07 October 2016: periodic meeting with the Director General

05 December 2016: International NGO Day (Sustainable Development Challenges)

08 March 2017: International symposium on "Woman at the heart of economic emergence and sustainable development"

05 March 2017: United Nations Democracy Fund

30 May 2017: annual report to OHCHR

11 September 2017: financing of the United Nations development system

03 October 2017: Social forum (ninth session)

10 October 2017: biennial briefing on the challenges and priorities of the United Nations Office at Geneva (Mr. Moeller)

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Cordial verbal and written relations with Ms. Lidiya Grigoreva (Director of the Liaison Office in Geneva); monitoring missions were conducted on a regular basis in Senegal to coordinate the association's actions with support for the objectives of the United Nations Development Programme.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1.1: through microloans, to keep rural people on the land in the Great Lakes region of Senegal by providing them with income generated from available resources (crop years, small local businesses and the like).

Goal 1.3: ninety per cent of support applications are from rural women.

Goal 1.7: to support crop years and feedlots so that people can stay in rural areas.

Goal 1.8: to promote access to the economy for people ineligible for bank loans, so that they can undertake activities that generate income, employment and training.

8. Ingénieurs du monde

Special, 2006

Introduction

Since 2006, our organization has always remained very active within the United Nations system.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Ingénieurs du Monde seeks to enhance the well-being of people in emerging and developing countries by sharing expertise, knowledge and technical skills.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Organization of a thematic workshop at the 2015 World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS Forum).

Report to the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum of the second United Nations Environment Assembly

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2014

Twenty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council, 3–28 March

WSIS Forum, 10–13 June

Human Rights Council, 10–27 June

Human Rights Council, 7–25 June

Commission on Science and Technology for Development, 12–16 May (reference: E/CN.16/2014/INF.1 p.14)

Economic and Social Council, July session (written statement E/2014/NGO/22)

Human Rights Council, twenty-seventh session, 8–26 September

2015:

WSIS Forum, 2 March and 24 April

Human Rights Council, from 22 June to 3 July (see document HRC/15/91)

Human Rights Council, from 14 September to 2 October

Human Rights Council, from 29 February to 24 March

WSIS Forum, 5–7 May

Commission on Science and Technology for Development, 9–13 May (see E/CN.16/2016/Inf.1)

2017:

Human Rights Council, from 27 February to 24 March

International Group on the Follow-up to the World Conference on Science, 1–3 March

Ninety-third session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 1–25 August

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

2014:

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), 3–5 March

WIPO, 24 March–4 April

WIPO, 12–16 May

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) expert meeting, 19–21 March (see TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/MISC.2)

WIPO Intergovernmental Committee, 7–9 July

UNCTAD expert meeting, 9–10 April (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.2/27)

UNCTAD Expert meeting, 15–17 April (see TD/B/CI/MEM.4/INF.2 p.6 and TD/B/C.1/MEM.4/6)

International Telecommunication Union, 28–31 May

UNCTAD, 28 April to 2 May (see TD/B/C.II/26)

WIPO, 10–14 November

UNCTAD Board, 5–9 May (see TD/B/CI/Inf.6 & TD/B/CI/35)

2015

UNCTAD expert meeting, 19–20 May (see TD/B/CI/MEM.6/INF.2)

UNCTAD expert meeting, 19–21 March (see TD/B/C/.II/MEM.4/6)

WIPO Development Committee, 10–14 November (see CDIP/1423570)

UNCTAD expert meeting, 19–20 May (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.6/6)

UNCTAD expert meeting, 15–17 April (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.4/6)

UNCTAD expert meeting, 9–10 April (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.2/27)

UNCTAD Commission report, 5–9 May (see TD/B/C.I/35)

UNCTAD expert meeting, 1–3 July (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.7/6)

UNCTAD Trade Board, 28 April to 2 May (see TD/B/C.II/26)

UNCTAD expert meeting, 1–3 July (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.7/6)

UNCTAD Board meeting, 15–17 October (see TD/B/C.II/ISAR/71 p.22 and TD/B/C.II/Isar/Inf.7)

UNCTAD expert meeting, 8–10 July (see TD/B/C.I/CLP/34)

UNCTAD expert meeting, 15–17 October (see TD/B/C.II/ISAR/71)

WIPO General Assembly: 5–14 October

WIPO, 7–11 December

UNCTAD, 4–6 November (see TD/B/C.II/ISAR/INF.8)

UNCTAD, 14–16 October (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.7/12)

UNCTAD, 14–25 September (see TD/B/62/INF.1)

UNCTAD, 4–6 November (see TD/B/C.II/Isar/75)

2016

UNCTAD expert meeting, 14–15 April (see TD/C.I/MEM.6/INF.4)

WIPO, 3–11 October

UNCTAD, 14–15 April (see TD/B/EDE/6/INF.12)

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UNCTAD, 4 November (see TD/B/CI/INF.8 p. 4)

UNCTAD, 20 December (see TD/B/C1/40 p. 10)

UNCTAD, 5–7 July (see TD/B/C.I/CLP/Inf.7)

UNCTAD, 18–20 July (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.4/Inf.5)

UNCTAD, 17 July (see TD/B/EX(65)/INF.1)

UNCTAD, 4–6 October (see TD/B/EDE/1/INF.1)

UNCTAD, 1–3 November (TD/B/C.II/ISAR/INF.10)

UNCTAD, 5–7 July (see TD/B/C.I/CLP/47)

UNCTAD, 18–20 July (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.4/15)

UNCTAD, 4–6 October (see TD/B/EDE/1/3)

UNCTAD, 12–13 October (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.2/39)

UNCTAD, 1–3 November (see TD/B/C.II/ISAR/83).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Projects conducted on the ground, such as the creation and promotion of a vocational school in Arusha, Tanzania: "Kilimajaro International Institute for Telecoms, Electronics and Computers".

Similar projects were undertaken in Kenya, Burundi, Rwanda and other countries.

9. La Brique

Special, 2014

Introduction

This four-year period has seen a great deal of work and success. Our permanent headquarters, the office of La Brique, remained unchanged throughout the four years, under the leadership of Mr. Aoutenc Akissita Alouatchou. During the 2014–2017 period many changes took place in the life of our organization. The following report will shed light on our various activities during that time. We wish to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the United Nations staff who work constantly for the development of our communities and who have made our missions so successful, even though some difficulties do subsist here and there.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works in the field of human rights, including disadvantaged children, the emancipation of women, education and the social reintegration of young people in difficulties. It contributes to people's socioeconomic and cultural well-being at the grass-roots level, to achieve sustainable, harmonious, participatory and holistic human development. The objectives of the organization are:

* To strive to protect human rights and promote social integration of individuals at every level;
* To strive to curb the proliferation of small arms, drugs and their derivatives, smuggling, terrorism, and mercenary activities, in order to further cultivate the spirit of peace for a world free of war and violence;
* To take care of destitute and deprived children and orphans;
* To fight against STI/HIV/AIDS, Ebola, tuberculosis and other diseases;
* To promote good governance within our States and the rational management of public assets;
* To promote environmental protection through protection of the soil, flora, fauna and forests so as to prevent natural disasters and combat climate change, which hamper the development of agriculture, our communities' main source of income;
* To work toward social integration of street children and at-risk youth through training in income-generating activities, entrepreneurship, animal husbandry and agriculture;
* To combat ill-treatment, prostitution, slavery and violence against children and women;
* To promote the rights of children and women; * To alleviate poverty at the grass-roots level;
* To provide people with access to primary health care at the grass-roots level;
* To provide rural communities with drinking water and sociocultural infrastructure;
* To collect computer hardware and other recyclable goods, to refurbish these and make them available to target populations who need and can make good use of them.

* To ensure that local, legislative and presidential elections are nationally and internationally monitored.

To achieve its objectives, the organization intends, inter alia:

* To attend conferences at the national and international levels;
* To provide awareness and training sessions at the grass-roots level;
* To inform, educate and communicate;
* To organize seminars, workshops, symposiums, forums, conferences, round tables and other meetings;
* To collaborate with governments, local communities, non-governmental organizations, associations and institutions, both national and international;
* To build an orphanage and a youth listening centre
* To establish health huts in the most remote hamlets;
* To establish schools and vocational training centres;
* To establish study halls and computer rooms;
* To drill water wells in rural areas;
* To identify, develop, implement and evaluate projects and programmes for the benefit of local people;
* To undertake community works;
* To take study trips;
* To produce a newsletter or memorandums;
* To write reports and briefs;
* To participate in broadcasts.

Significant changes in the organization

Since the organization received special consultative status, our statutes have been slightly amended to enable us to work worldwide with greater openness and establish representative offices in other countries. These changes were made to Titles II and IV of the statutes; they afford us greater flexibility in our work, as offices have been established in Geneva, New York, and Benin, while preparatory work is under way in other countries.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

La Brique has contributed to the work of the United Nations in various ways. Thus, our delegates have participated in several human rights conferences in Geneva; a conference in Vienna; and several conferences in New York City. In addition, alongside our sister organizations in Togolese civil society, we conduct peacebuilding activities to enhance social cohesion and alleviate the tensions of the sociopolitical crisis in Togo, and to strengthen democracy and the rule of law.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Immediately following its accreditation to the Economic and Social Council, La Brique acquired nearly international scope despite its limited financial means and the difficulties it faced in obtaining visas for its important missions.

Thus, we were able to take part in some high-level meetings, even if we missed many. The following is a list of those meetings:

United Nations Economic and Social Council Youth Forum, from 30 to 31 January 2018 at United Nations Headquarters in New York

The sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 12 to 23 March 2018

The sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 13 to 24 March 2017

Intergenerational Dialogues on Sustainable Development Goals, 1 August 2017

The tenth session of the Conference of States Parties (COSP10), from 13 to 15 June 2017 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, as well as the Civil Society Forum on 12 June 2017

World Summit on the Information Society at the United Nations Office at Geneva (International Telecommunication Union), 25–29 May 2015

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 10–12 June 2014, United Nations Headquarters, New York.

Seventh session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, from 12 to 15 December 2016 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Activities of the United Nations General Assembly.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In terms of cooperation, the organization has developed several partnerships and obtained official certifications from the following organizations:

- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
- United Nations Global Compact
- Group on Earth Observations
- Global Forum on Agricultural Research

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- Entrepreneurship training for young people, to reduce the number of unemployed by enabling everyone to equip themselves to create their own income-generating activity. Today, many young people are aware that the State alone cannot find jobs for each individual.
- We developed a youth dialogue to combat climate change, so that everyone is aware of its harmful effects. Building from there, awareness-raising was done with farmers and a number of communities, to enable everyone to take care of their immediate environment, to avoid diseases and natural disasters such as may occur at any time. Participants were also shown how to adapt their crops to the adverse effects of climate change.
- Seeking open government, we took part in conferences here in Lomé, on Big Data, and the IT Forum Togo 2017 on the theme "The Internet of Things will bring new challenges". This is also an opportunity to create new jobs in information technology. An Elephant Walk was organized, together with a number of other activities, to help protect biodiversity.

10. Organisation des hommes démunis et enfants orphelins pour le développement

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Organisation des Hommes démunis et enfants orphelins pour le développement (OHDEOD) works to improve and develop the quality of life and environment of indigent men and orphan children.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization seeks to provide social structure for men, women and children who have become indigent as a result of war, theft or other hostile acts, and to improve their health status, diet and life expectancy.

To achieve that goal, it works in the field, at the national, regional and international level, alongside orphaned and half-orphaned children.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization makes an active contribution to the United Nations vision for the Millennium Development Goals to be achieved for the development of the world's men, women and children, in terms of:

- Reducing infant mortality;
- Promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women;
- Environmental preservation;
- Eradicating extreme poverty and hunger;
- Combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; and
- Promoting primary education for all.

The organization is active in the field, undertaking extensive information gathering related to the Millennium Development Goals. Its findings will very soon be submitted to the United Nations for the purpose of future discussion.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization wishes to go on taking an active role in United Nations meetings, particularly those on the environment (Framework Convention on Climate Change) and human rights (OHCHR), while also remaining available for other meetings relevant to the Millennium Development Goals.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization wishes to continue and step up its active cooperation with United Nations bodies, such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and OHCHR, while also remaining available to cooperate with other United Nations bodies.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

For some months now the organization has been gathering large amounts of information in the field to respond to the Millennium Development Goals. Up to now our main focus has been on information related to extreme poverty among men, women and orphaned children. We also gather information in the field relating to environmental preservation, with the aim, of course, of putting in place strategies to remediate the problems caused by extreme poverty and facilitate environmental preservation.

11. Presse emblème campagne

Special, 2010

Introduction

The organization, based in Geneva, was founded in June 2004 under Swiss law and is recognized as a non-governmental organization by the authorities of the Canton of Geneva. It is active in the areas of human rights, humanitarian law and conflict resolution. It is a non-governmental organization with a worldwide scope of activity.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goal of Presse emblème campagne is to defend freedom of the press and to enhance the protection of journalists in areas affected by conflict and internal violence. It regularly documents violations of international treaties on human rights and humanitarian law (Geneva Conventions) as regards the work of the media, and intervenes at the diplomatic level with governments and international organizations to have these enforced.

Significant changes in the organization

None.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has made contributions to a number of United Nations activities since 2014. It has attended all regular sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, contributed to the follow-up to the plan of action developed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity, and to the work of OHCHR on the safety of journalists.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization was an active participant in the twenty-fifth to thirty-sixth regular sessions, inclusive, of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. It presented several oral statements at each session. It also took part in the June 2017 UNESCO meeting in Geneva entitled: "Multi-Stakeholder Consultation on Strengthening the Implementation of the UN Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity".

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Presse emblème campagne cooperated with OHCHR on the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly (A/72/290) on "The safety of journalists

and the issue of impunity". It also cooperated with UNESCO on the follow-up to the Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has taken no initiatives specifically related to the Millennium Development Goals, but did support the Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted in 2015 by the United Nations.

12. Réseau international des droits humains (RIDH)

Special, 2014

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no significant changes

Significant changes in the organization

None

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Human rights advocacy: The organization has actively engaged in dialogue between the United Nations and Latin American civil society. It has invited non-governmental organizations to country reviews and helped them draft their reports to the various human rights bodies.

Human rights training: The organization has developed a training project for human rights defenders on the mechanisms and bodies concerned with human rights protection.

Panorama: This informational web page, in Spanish, was put up in 2014. It deals with United Nations human rights endeavours with particular reference to Latin America. It publishes 300 articles a year.

Geneva Human Rights Agenda: This is an app for mobile phones, created in 2015, for the use of diplomatic missions and non-governmental organizations. It is a free service providing all information and documents relating to human rights conferences, discussions and meetings taking place in Geneva. The app currently has more than 8,000 users.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the following regular sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council: thirty-seventh, from 26 February to 23 March 2018, thirty-sixth, from 11 to 29 September 2017, thirty-fifth, from 6 to 23 June, thirty-fourth, from 27 February to 24 March 2017, thirty-third, from 13 to 30 September 2016, thirty-second, from 13 June to 1 July 2016, thirty-first, from 29 February to 24 March 2016, thirtieth, from 14 September to 2 October 2015, twenty-ninth, from 15 June to 3 July 2015, twenty-eighth, from 2 to 27 March 2015, twenty-seventh, from 8 September to 26 September 2014, and twenty-sixth, from 10 to 27 June 2014. They supported various non-governmental organizations in conducting their advocacy campaigns, submitting their statements and participating in negotiations at parallel meetings and events, and in keeping the information in the Geneva Human Rights Agenda app up to date. Representatives attended the following sessions on United Nations universal periodic review, undertaking advocacy activities with diplomatic

missions: the nineteenth, from 28 April to 9 May 2014; the twentieth, from 27 October to 7 November 2014; the twenty-second, from 4 to 15 May; the twenty-fourth, from 18 to 29 January 2016; the twenty-fifth, from 2 to 13 May 2016; the twenty-sixth, from 1 October to 11 November 2016; the twenty-seventh, from 1 to 12 May 2017; and the twenty-ninth, from 15 to 26 January 2018. Representatives attended the third, fourth, fifth and sixth sessions of the Forum on Business and Human Rights, to promote the application of the guiding principles on business and human rights. Representatives took part in the negotiations and discussions of the third, fourth and fifth sessions of the Open-ended intergovernmental working group on a United Nations declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas. Representatives attended the sixtieth session of the Committee against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (April–May 2017), reviewing the case of Argentina, the sixty-second session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (20 June–15 July 2016), reviewing the case of the Republic of Ecuador, and the 118th session of the Human Rights Committee (17 October–4 November 2016), reviewing the case of Colombia. With the support of the Réseau, eleven organizations presented reports. Also with its support, five organizations presented reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child (seventy-sixth pre-sessional working group, 6–10 February 2017) during the review of the report of the Republic of Ecuador.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Parallel events at the Palais des Nations:

7 March: Peace community in Colombia and Communications of Special Procedures;

9 March: Abortion in Latin America;

16 March: universal periodic review of Peru and former President Alberto Fujimori;

8 March 2016: the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala;

14 March 2016: criminalization of girls and adolescent women;

7 March 2018: communications submitted to special procedures.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's activities are not focused on achievement of the Millennium Development Goals but on support for Latin American non-governmental organizations.

13. Secours populaire français

Special, 2006

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no significant changes

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Rolf Traeger, an economist with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and Sarah Cook, director of the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre, wrote an analysis for Convergence (22/09/2015), the newsletter of Secours populaire français, on why the incidence of poverty in the 48 poorest countries had not fallen.

A feature of the organization's twenty-fourth people's seminar, "Vivre la pauvreté dans son enfance" (25/09/2015), was the contribution of Nathalie Serruques, who heads up Mission Enfance–UNICEF in France.

The organization subscribes to all international days and years decreed by United Nations. It communicates on these subjects through its communications media and enriches the programmes it carries out in that regard.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No activities were specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization uses and disseminates United Nations agencies' data and follows their recommendations, with particular emphasis on benefits to women and children. In the context of emergency actions, our teams monitor all information issued on humanitarian crises by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. On 18 May 2017, together with *Le Monde Diplomatique*, the organization moderated a panel discussion on the refugee crisis that was also attended by Ralf Gruenert, representing UNHCR.

The programme on family farming, organic products, short supply chains and environmental protection coordinated by the organization in El Salvador (Comasagua) was granted accreditation by France for the twenty-first session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

On 8 December 2015, UNESCO House in Paris hosted a reception for "Green Santa Clauses" to kick off celebrations for the seventieth anniversary of Secours populaire français. Events related to the anniversary were held under UNESCO patronage.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Sustainable Development Goal 1: In Greece, in conjunction with the non-governmental organization Solidarity Association of People in Greece, the organization takes action (in the areas of food, health, education and vacations/culture/leisure) to support families who are victims of the economic crisis and refugees.

Sustainable Development Goal 2: In Benin, together with the non-governmental organization Conseil des activités éducatives du Bénin, the organization is carrying out a programme to improve the nutritional and health status of the children of rural families in eight villages. Beneficiaries: 5,000 children/5,800 parents.

Sustainable Development Goal 3: In South Africa, with the non-governmental organization Ekupholeni, the organization is conducting an assistance programme for orphans affected by HIV/AIDS (Johannesburg area). 500 beneficiaries.

Sustainable Development Goal 4: In Nepal, with the non-governmental organization Urban Environment Management Society, the organization has rebuilt

and earthquake-proofed a school for 207 pupils, employing environmentally friendly technologies; the building is accessible to persons with disabilities and fitted out with a potable water supply and sanitation system.

Sustainable Development Goal 5: In East Jerusalem, with the non-governmental organization Palestinian Medical Relief Society, the non-governmental organization has conducted a programme to enhance the resilience of Palestinian youth and mobilize them through solidarity-based citizens' initiatives to promote gender equality.

Sustainable Development Goal 6: In Haiti, in collaboration with the non-governmental organization Canadian Assistance for Humanitarian Development, the organization has conducted a programme to supply 1,000 families in Rivière Froide with drinking water.

Sustainable Development Goal 8: In Lebanon, with the non-governmental organization Development for People and Nature Association, the organization led a humanitarian operation for 185 Syrian, Palestinian and Lebanese young people whereby they were paid to perform work aimed at improving the livelihoods of refugee populations.

Sustainable Development Goal 10: In Mauritania, with the non-governmental organization El Karamat, the organization is conducting a project to support the empowerment of the women in Adwabas (Gaat Teydouma commune, Hodh El Gharbi region), beneficiaries.

Sustainable Development Goals 11 and 1: In El Salvador, with the Canasta Campesina organization, the organization is carrying out a programme to enhance the agroecological production capacity of youth and women, as well as the entrepreneurial management of the Canasta Campesina cooperative in Comasagua on solidarity-based social economy principles, 1,660 beneficiaries.

Sustainable Development Goal 13: 2015 national congress: The organization set up a workshop on targeted actions to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Sustainable Development Goal 17: The children's movement Copain du monde, inspired by the principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, creates a space, time and place where children can learn about solidarity together, and can begin to build new solidarities. These children, taking responsibility for their own activities, reach out to the world and learn about other children on all continents where Secours populaire français is active, with the common goal of learning to love rather than hate one another and of learning to cooperate rather than shun one another. They have the opportunity to meet other children at the Villages Copains du monde that have been developed in France and around the world, where children from France and abroad build solidarity. These villages teach solidarity and citizenship, which the children will exemplify once they return home.

14. Solidarité pour le développement communautaire

Special, 2014

Introduction

Solidarité pour le développement communautaire is a humanitarian non-governmental organization that is active in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Kinshasa, Central and Eastern Kasai).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goals of the organization are:

- To contribute to respect for human rights and the strengthening of democracy
- To promote peace and peaceful conflict resolution
- To provide farmers with training and support for their agricultural production
- To help eliminate maternal, infant and neonatal mortality
- To provide young people with training and support in creating their own jobs
- To provide assistance to vulnerable persons
- To combat all forms of violence against women and girls
- To provide supervision and care for orphans and vulnerable children.

Significant changes in the organization

In view of the current situation, the General Assembly has amended the organization's statutes. The amended articles, as adopted by the Assembly, are as follows: Article 6: The mission of Solidarité pour le développement communautaire is to raise people's awareness of their own problems, build their capacity to solve them and support them in finding solutions.

Article 7: The goals of the organization are:

- To contribute to respect for human rights and the strengthening of democracy
- To promote peace and peaceful conflict resolution
- To provide farmers with training and support for their agricultural production
- To help eliminate maternal, infant and neonatal mortality
- To provide young people with training and support in creating their own jobs
- To provide assistance to vulnerable persons
- To combat all forms of violence against women and girls
- To provide supervision and care for orphans and vulnerable children.

Article 8: The organization's areas of activity are: civic education, voter education and information; legal, medical and psychosocial assistance; nutrition and food security; sexual and reproductive health; maternal, child and newborn health; peace and peaceful conflict resolution; agriculture and animal husbandry; vocational training; and food and non-food assistance.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Celebration of the International Day of Peace (21 September)
- Celebration of International Human Rights Day (10 December)
- Supervision of the local peace committee under the project for an "alternative electoral conflict management citizens' initiative", as implemented by civil society organizations with the support of Freedom House
- Membership in the awareness campaign "peaceful youth participation in politics" in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, organized by Freedom House

- Membership in the local committee for the protection of human rights defenders in the Funa district of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Awareness campaign on sexual violence and the prevention of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections, and other reproductive health problems
- Community prevention and promotion campaign "Bien naître à Kisanji".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives took part in: the fifty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development; the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women; the tenth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; the eighth session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing; the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council; Intergenerational dialogues on the Sustainable Development Goals.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Drafting of a parallel report on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (free public primary education and the education budget of the Congo) and its implementation of the recommendations of universal periodic review.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 3 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo through the implementation of a community prevention and promotion campaign: Bien naître à Kisanji — Improvement of maternal and child health services and integration of traditional care systems.

15. Traditions pour demain

Special, 2006

Introduction

Since 1986 the organization has been working to promote the cultural recognition of indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities through its support for projects in the field. The recognition and expression of cultural identity is recognized by the 2007 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Furthermore, Traditions pour demain is working to raise institutional awareness at the multilateral level (Economic and Social Council, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Intellectual Property Organization, European Commission) and at the national level, in the countries where it is active, with respect to issues of cultural rights, cultural diversity, protection of intangible cultural heritage, intellectual property rights as they relate to traditional knowledge, cultural development and the rights of indigenous peoples. Particular emphasis is placed on these issues in situations of armed conflict.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To contribute, through a pragmatic approach, to support for projects for the cultural expression of indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities. As a not-for-profit,

secular and non-political organization, Traditions pour demain seeks, through a humanistic approach, to raise the awareness of institutions and the general public of the various themes mentioned above.

Significant changes in the organization

Obtained observer status at World Intellectual Property Organization sessions as a non-governmental organization.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Contribution to the implementation and recognition at the multilateral level of the 2007 statement on the rights of indigenous peoples and to its dissemination at the national level in many countries
- Support and action for the statutory bodies of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003), the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (2005) and the Hague Convention (1954) and its additional protocols
- Participation in an advisory capacity in the work of the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization on intellectual property and genetic resources and on traditional knowledge and folklore
- Monitoring of the work of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (New York)
- Monitoring of the work of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Geneva)
- Active contribution to the work of the Special Rapporteur on cultural rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Advisory and information meetings held for non-governmental organizations in consultative status by the non-governmental organizations section of the United Nations Office at Geneva
- Annual sessions of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Geneva)
- Monitoring of the work of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, with direct contact and cooperation with its secretariat (New York)
- Multiple meetings and sessions of the bodies of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization mentioned above (at Paris, Geneva and various places in the world)
- Until 2016, one of the nine non-governmental organizations belonging to the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee (Paris)
- Founding member until 2017 of the Steering Committee of the Forum of Non-governmental Organizations Accredited under the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

World Intellectual Property Organization

Human Rights Council

Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Geneva)

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

(a) Implementation of the 2005 Convention on the Protection of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions

(b) Support for hundreds of field projects in some ten countries of Latin America with indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities

(c) Dissemination of the Millennium Development Goals to non-governmental organization collectives providing assistance in various Latin American and European countries

(d) Adoption of rules and operating mechanisms for non-governmental organizations to enable them to implement the Millennium Development Goals internally.